

REMARKS

This response addresses the Office Action mailed March 29, 2005.

In the Office Action, Applicant's Claims 17-21 and 26-28 were allowed and Claims 2-5, 8-11, 15, and 23 were indicated to be allowable if amended to be in independent form including all the limitations of their respective base claims and any intervening claims. Applicant gratefully acknowledges the allowance and indicated allowability of these claims.

In the Office Action, Applicant's Claims 13 and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph and Applicant's Claims 1, 6, 7, 12, 16, 22, 24 and 25 were rejected as anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 6,850,841. The present response addresses these rejections. Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

I. Rejection of Claims 13 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph.

In the Office Action, Applicant's Claims 13 and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph. According to the Office Action, the Examiner did not find a teaching in Applicant's specification for the "clothoid" and "spline" subject matter recited in these claims.

The Examiner is referred to page 10, lines 25-26 of Applicant's specification for support for the subject matter recited in Applicant's Claims 13 and 14. Based at least on the disclosure on page 10, lines 25-26 of Applicant's specification, Applicant submits that Claims 13 and 14 fully comply with 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph.

II. Rejection of Applicant's Claims 1, 6, 7, 12, 16, 22, 24 and 25 as anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 6,850,841

In the Office Action, Applicant's Claims 1, 6, 7, 12, 16, 22, 24 and 25 were rejected as anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 6,850,841.

Included with the present response are Declarations under 37 CFR 1.131 signed by all the inventors of the present patent application that establish invention of the subject matter of these claims before the filing date of May 15, 2003 of U.S. Pat. No. 6,850,841.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of Claims 1, 6, 7, 12, 16, 22, 24 and 25 as anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 6,850,841 be withdrawn.¹

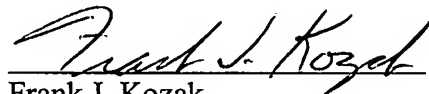
III. Extension of time

Included with this response is a Petition for Extension of Time including authorization for payment of the fee associated therewith.

IV. Conclusion

With this response, Applicant has addressed all the issues in the Office Action mailed March 29, 2005. Applicant submits that the present application has been placed in condition for allowance. If any issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,



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¹ Although the present response includes declarations by the inventors establishing invention of the subject matter of Claims 1, 6, 7, 12, 16, 22, 24 and 25 before the filing date of U.S. Pat. No. 6,850,841, Applicant does not concede that these claims would otherwise be anticipated by or rendered obvious over U.S. Pat. No. 6,850,841. To the extent permissible by law, Applicant reserves the right to establish the patentability of the claims of the present application over the disclosure of U.S. Pat. No. 6,850,841.